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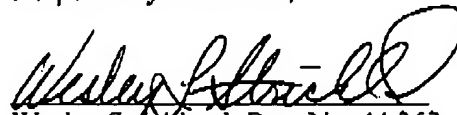
REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are active and pending in the present application. Claims 1-9 have been allowed. Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected. Claim 12 is indicated as having allowable subject matter but is objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. In response, claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled and claim 12 has been written in independent form incorporating the subject matter of its base claim.

Because all claims, as amended, now contain allowable subject matter, entering of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of claim 12 is requested as well. Applicants believe that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance and passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due, however if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 03-4060.

Respectfully submitted,


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